

REMARKS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 19, 2008, in which Claims 1 through 29 were subject to a restriction requirement.

As set forth in greater detail in the following paragraph, Claims 7 through 11, 14, 15, 18 and 19 are amended herein. Claims 1 through 6, 12, and 21 through 29 are cancelled herein. New Claims 30 through 36 are added. Accordingly, Claims 7 through 11, 13 through 20, and 30 through 36 are pending.

All changes made are for clarification and are based on the application as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

CLAIM CANCELLATIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND ADDITIONS

Claims 1 through 6, 12, and 21 through 29 are cancelled herein.

Claims 7 through 11 have had their dependencies changed from "1" to -- 13--.

Claim 14 is amended herein by changing "said lipid-extracting solvent is selected from the group consisting of chlorinated hydrocarbons, hydrocarbons and ethers" to -- said lipid-extracting solvent is an hydrocarbon-- thereby removing the generic references.

Claim 15 is amended herein by changing its dependency from "13" to --14-- and by changing "said lipid-extracting solvent is chloroform" to --said hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting of ether and chloroform--, with ether being a chlorinated hydrocarbon and chloroform being a halogenated hydrocarbon.

Claim 18 is amended herein by changing "said lipid-extracting solvent is selected from the group consisting of chlorinated hydrocarbons, hydrocarbons and ethers" to -- said lipid-extracting solvent is an hydrocarbon-- thereby removing the generic references.

Claim 19 is amended herein by changing its dependency from "17" to --18-- and by changing "said lipid-extracting solvent is chloroform" to --said hydrocarbon is selected from the group consisting of ether and chloroform--, with ether being a chlorinated hydrocarbon and chloroform being a halogenated hydrocarbon.

New Claims 30 through 34 have been added and are identical to Claims 7 through 11 except that the former set are dependent from independent Claim 17 whereas the latter set are dependent from independent Claim 13, as amended herein.

New Claims 35 and 36 claim vaccines produced by the methods of independent Claims 13 and 17, respectively.

RESTRICTIONS

Applicant is required to elect a single invention from Groups I (Claims 1 – 12), II (Claims 13-20), III (Claims 21, 26, 27, and 29), IV (Claims 22 and 29) and V (Claims 23-25). Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group II without traverse. In so electing Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional patent applications on the subject matter of the non-elected groups.

SPECIES ELECTION

Applicant has either cancelled or amended relevant claims to narrow the species to define a single inventive concept. The undersigned Attorney for Applicant invites the Examiner to call him if further discussion or election is necessary.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims as currently presented are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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